

Nichol Awarded 2003 All-American Dairy Show Pioneer Award

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The All-American Dairy Show has awarded William Nichol of State College the 2003 All-American Pioneer Award in recognition of his years of dedication and service to the show.

In the early 1960s Nichol, along with the late Cuthbert Nairn Sr. and other dairy enthusiasts, had a dream to institute a national dairy show in Pennsylvania in order to invite the nation and other areas to bring their cattle to Harrisburg to compete with the quality cattle bred in this state. In 1964, the first Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show

was conducted in the Farm Show Complex.

Nichol, along with other breed representatives and agribusiness personnel, had been working approximately seven to eight years making necessary arrangements to institute this national show in Pennsylvania. Nichol helped to raise money from sponsors and supporters. He was a member of the first All-American Board of Directors as the Holstein breed representative. He helped to create the positions with a representative from each of the six dairy breeds along with two from the Pennsylvania Dairy and Allied

Industries to complete the board.

Nichol was served on the committee establishing the rules and regulations for the All-American Dairy Show and was instrumental in developing the "Herd Unit" option for entering cattle in the show. In 1999, Nichol was influential in obtaining the necessary funds to increase the premiums offered to exhibitors. In 2000, the All-American Dairy show offered the highest premiums paid than any other national dairy show.

Nichol thought the premiums within the class should be uniform and there should be a bot-

tom limit. These high premiums were paid out again at the 2003 All-American Dairy Show. He has been a member of the group responsible for the division of premium increments and has worked to keep the budget balanced.

Also in 2000, he was one of the enthusiasts that encouraged other board and dairy industry persons to change the name of the show by dropping the "Penn-

sylvania" from the title. He believed that by changing the name to the All-American Dairy Show, it would encourage all participants to feel as though this national show was "their own show." Many others agreed and in 2000, the official name change occurred.

Nichol continues to attend the All-American Dairy Show each year and his enthusiasm for the show never dims.

Youth Dairy Contest Results Announced

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — 100 individuals representing 32 teams from 4-H, FFA, and collegiate programs across the United States participated in the Invitation Youth Dairy Cattle Judging Contest on Sept. 22. The top three rankings for each division are as follows:

Collegiate Division All Breeds team rankings:
1. California Polytechnic State University
2. Cornell University
3. The Pennsylvania State University
Collegiate Division All Breeds individual

rankings:

1. Kate Briggs, California Polytechnic State University
2. Darin Hill, Cornell University
3. Jeena Rinehart, Cornell University
FFA Division All Breeds team rankings:
1. Georgia (Putnam County High School, Atonton)
2. Pennsylvania (Northern Bedford High School, Loysburg)
3. Maryland (Northern Harford High School, White Hall)
FFA Division All Breeds individual rankings:
1. Andrew Ritchey, Northern Bedford High

School

2. Suzanne Purdue, Northern Harford High School, Md.
3. Myron Miles, Putnam County High School, Ga.
4-H Division All Breeds team rankings:
1. Wisconsin
2. Pennsylvania
3. Maryland
4-H Division All Breeds individual rankings:
1. Matt Sneller, Sebewing, Michigan
2. Joe Sarbacker, Verona, Wisconsin
3. Beth Giangrieco, New Millford, Pennsylvania

KILE To Feature Contests

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The 26th Annual Keystone Stockman's Contest, a youth activity in the program of the Keystone International Livestock Expo (KILE) Show, is scheduled, Monday, Oct. 6. The contest is open to all 4-H and FFA members between the ages of 13 and 19. Each county or chapter is invited to enter one or more teams of three or four members. These members will also compete as individuals.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the contest concludes with the naming of the Stockman of the Year at approximately 3:15 p.m. This allows a group to participate in the contest, view the livestock and horse shows in pro-

gress, and return home the same day.

About 200 FFA members, 4-H members, and college students will enter the junior and collegiate judging contests at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition. This keen educational competition is an excellent way to test live animal knowledge and verbal skills, providing students with valuable experiences for their futures in agriculture. This contest begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4.

The 10th Annual Keystone Arabian Horse Judging Contest will also be conducted. Prizes for this event are provided by KILE. This contest will be Monday, Oct. 6, beginning at 8 a.m.

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